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GYPSUM BOARD

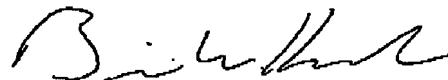
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2007 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on June 20, 2007. Applicant submits the following response in the above-identified application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that Claims 1-12 are pending, of those, Claims 1-4 have been withdrawn from consideration, and Claims 5-12 are rejected.

Claims 5-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 08-112808 in view of Hauber et al (U.S. 6,878,321), Sucech et al (U.S. 5,683,635), Watras (U.S. 2001/0044016) and Birdsey (U.S. 1,514,827). The Applicant respectfully disagrees with and transverses these rejections.

The Applicant's invention as claimed is distinguishable from the inventions disclosed in the cited references. None of the references cited by the Examiner